



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Talon Leach was a graduate of North Callaway High School in 2008 and thereafter became a soldier in the United States Marine Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Leach was selected for the prestigious Marine Corps Force Special Operations Command ("MARSOC"), which he completed in October 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Leach studied Arabic at the Marine Special Operations School and attended the MARSOC Advanced Sniper Course and the Multi-Mission Parachute Course; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Leach bravely served our country by deploying to the Middle East in support of Operation Inherent Resolve where he trained Jordanian special forces; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Leach served in MARSOC as a critical skills operator with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Raider Battalion in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 10, 2017, Sergeant Talon Leach, age 27, died in the line of duty after a transport plane he was in crashed on its way to a pre-deployment training; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Leach's awards and decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; two Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation; and three Certificates of Appreciation; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Leach was the beloved son of Tab Leach and Lisa Corbet and the beloved husband of Sara Leach.

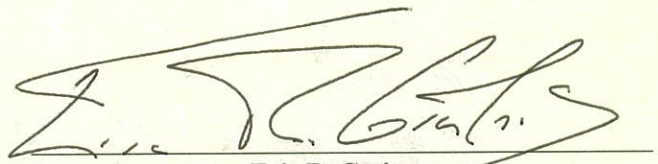
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

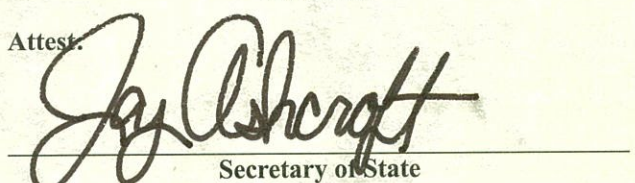
## SERGEANT TALON LEACH

do hereby honor his bravery and service to the United States of America and order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings statewide for one full day on August 15, 2017 and shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in the County of Callaway, Missouri, from August 16 – 22, from sunrise to sunset.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.



  
Eric R. Greitens  
Governor

Attest:  
  
Secretary of State